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PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 17, 1977

As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of Senate Bill 1 and am filing same with the Secretary of State setting forth the following objections:

I disapprove of Senate Bill 1332, which allows the district clerk to pay jurors on his own signature from a special account established by the county commissioners court. Under current law, the payment of jurors is a duty of the county-treasurer--the elected official whom voters have entrusted with the custody of county funds. Current law provides adequate safeguards and restrictions to insure the security of county funds and also provides an efficient, centralized system for the disbursement of those funds. This bill does not provide sufficient safeguards in removing control of certain county funds from the hands of the official who was elected for that purpose. In addition, this bill is a step backwards from the centralized, efficient system of county money management. I therefore feel that it is inappropriate and unwise to make these changes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed hereto at Austin, Texas, this 17th day of June, 1977.



DOLPH BRISCOE
Governor of Texas

MARK WHITE
Secretary of State